



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: MOON CREEK FLOOD CONTROL VEGETATION REMOVAL AND DREDGING AND BEAVER DECEIVER

Description of Proposal:

This project will remove flora from Moon Creek from the outlet (Boy Scout Road) approximately 300 feet downstream. Initially, herbicide will be applied in the creek channel for elimination of noxious weeds. The weed kill will be assessed to determine how best to remove the material. All work will be done by a certified application company, and their operating permit will be the permit for this work. SEPA and an HPA is not necessary for herbicide application to remove noxious weeds. There will also be insertion of beaver tube(s) in the dam downstream and placement of a staff gauge for reference for future maintenance.

It is anticipated that a floating suction dredge will be used to harvest the flora either later this year or next year. The material will be piped to dry land near the dredging area and deposited into a dewatering impoundment. The dewatered material will be removed for some beneficial use since this material, high in organic matter, is a beneficial by-product.

Proponent/Applicant: Diamond Lake Improvement Association
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Location of Proposal: Pend Oreille County, Washington; Section 10, Township 30 North, Range 44 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **June 4, 2012**.

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

DATE OF ISSUE: May 17, 2012

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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